

## House Resolution No. 1459

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable young Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made him a source of inspiration to all those around him; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball, a resident of Rock Port, Missouri, has enjoyed the honor of being named Optimist Teenager of the Week; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball has participated in many activities during his high school career including football, basketball, and track, where he qualified for State his junior year; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball has been active in Future Farmers of America, where he also qualified for State and was selected the 2004 Barnwarming King; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball raises cattle as one of his SAEP (Supervised Agricultural Experience Program) projects and has enjoyed showing his livestock at several county fairs, including the Atchison County Fair and the Missouri State Fair; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball has also enjoyed recognition by working with Steve “Cash” Herron in his family farming operation, helping out with his grandparents cattle operation, and assisting with various odd jobs; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball’s future plans include attending college, where he would like to play college football and major in agriculture; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball can take pride in knowing he has consistently given more than one hundred percent to all those activities in which he has so generously and enthusiastically participated; and

**Whereas**, Mark Ball has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his parents, Ralph and Gale Ball; his siblings, Katrina and Brice; and his grandparents, Ed and Carol Ball of Fairfax and Duane and Martha Anne Nauman of Mound City:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Mark Ball for his well-deserved selection as Optimist Teenager of the Week and in further wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution Mark Ball.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1459, adopted March 29, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker